# **Michigan's Guaranteed Tuition Program**

Since its debut in 1988 as the nation's first guaranteed tuition program, MET has sold nearly 85,000 contracts with assets of \$976 million. The ability of MET to pay benefits and provide refunds under the contract is secured by the assets of the plan. Investment management, program administration and distribution for MET is provided solely by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

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# **Features and Benefits**

# **Portability**

If a student chooses to attend a private college or an out-of-state college, MET provides a refund amount based on the average cost to attend Michigan public colleges. MET also provides refund options for scholarships, military enlistment, death, disability, or not attending college.

# **Transferability**

Generally, contracts can be transferred to immediate family members of the original beneficiary (including siblings, children, and first cousins) once the original beneficiary is 18 years old or graduates from high school.

# **Rollovers From Other 529 Programs** MET accepts rollovers from other 529

programs, including MESP.

# **Michigan Tax Deduction**

Purchasers may deduct the amount paid for a MET contract from taxable income on State of Michigan income tax returns in the year the contract is purchased.

# **Tax Exempt Earnings**

Purchasers and students will not pay State or federal income tax when the benefits are used for qualified higher education expenses.

# **Gift Tax Exemption**

Funds used to purchase a MET contract constitute a gift to the beneficiary and may qualify for a gift tax exemption. Contact your tax advisor for guidance.

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# Michigan Education Trust Program Information



Kids grow up.
It's a fact of life.
So is the cost
of a college
education.
That's why it's so
important to
begin saving for
higher education
when children
are young.

College tuition costs have escalated at a steady rate. Last

year alone, the average tuition increase was 13 percent—and increases are expected to continue. College costs have doubled, and in some cases tripled, during the lifetime of today's college freshmen.

But MET, Michigan's guaranteed tuition program, puts a stop to tuition increases. With a MET contract, you simply purchase credit hours for one or more semesters and lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's cost.

Purchase a MET contract now and you'll never pay more for the college tuition that you purchased today. Guaranteed.

# **Three Prepaid Tuition Options**

MET contracts can be purchased for Michigan children in increments from just one semester to four years of education (eight semesters).

- Full Benefits Plan: MET will provide tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan public universities or public community colleges, up to the number of credit hours required for a standard four-year undergraduate degree.
- Limited Benefits Plan: MET will provide tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan public universities or public community colleges, up to 105 percent of the weighted average tuition of all Michigan public universities (same as full benefits plan, just fewer credit hours at a lower contract cost).
- Community College Plan: MET will provide in-district tuition at any Michigan public community college, up to four semesters (two years).





# **Purchase Options and Costs**

Several convenient payment options are available for MET contracts including lump sum, monthly, electronic funds transfer, and payroll deduction. Contract costs vary based on the age or grade of the child. Call or log on for specific pricing information.



2008 Contract Enrollment Period September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008

# **Enroll Online**

at www.SETwithMET.com

**or** call us today to learn how you can safeguard your college savings from further tuition increases. We're available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1-800-MET-4-KID (1-800-638-4543) www.SETwithMET.com





For full program description of the Michigan Education Trust (MET), please refer to the MET contract enrollment information available at www.SETwithMET.com or contact us at 1-800-MET-4-KID.

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